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# **Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC)** in Michigan

The EUC program includes up to 20 weeks of federally-funded extended unemployment benefits in all states, <u>and</u> because of Michigan's high unemployment rate, a second tier of EUC, providing up to an additional 13 weeks of benefits, are payable in the state. Thus, Michigan's unemployed workers may receive up to 33 weeks of federally-funded EUC assistance. Qualified individuals in the state may receive up to \$362 a week in EUC benefits.

The EUC program is federally funded; therefore, employers will not be charged for benefits nor receive a monetary determination.

## **EUC Eligibility Requirements**

EUC payments can be obtained by individuals who are unemployed through no fault of their own and meet regular unemployment eligibility requirements. Individuals who had a claim for regular benefits with a benefit year ending May 1, 2007 or later, which has been exhausted or has expired, may be eligible for EUC benefits.

Two tiers of EUC benefits in Michigan:

- Tier 1 is available to those who have exhausted regular unemployment compensation on or before March 28, 2009. They will receive 80%, up to 20 weeks, of the regular state unemployment benefits they drew during their most recent benefit year. *Example*: If a person received 20 weeks of state unemployment benefits, he/she would get 16 weeks of EUC.
- O Tier 2 Unemployed Michigan workers who exhaust their Tier 1 EUC benefits on or before March 28, 2009, will be eligible for up to 13 weeks of additional EUC 50% of what they received in state unemployment benefits. *Example*: If a person received 20 weeks of state unemployment benefits, he/she would collect 10 weeks of EUC.

To be eligible for EUC, individuals must be unemployed or underemployed and able, available and actively seeking suitable full-time work. Individuals also must register for work with the Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) office. Those who have not registered within the last 12 months should update their résumés. Individuals may enter or update their résumés on the Internet at <a href="https://www.michworks.org">www.michworks.org</a>. However, individuals must still report in person at an MWA office at least two to three business days before their first call to MARVIN to ensure their information is electronically transmitted to the Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA). Call 1-800-285-WORK to locate the nearest MWA office.

# **Applying for EUC benefits**

Unemployment benefits are typically issued for two-week periods after individuals certify that they were unemployed and met eligibility requirements for the two weeks.

When the balance on an individual's state unemployment claim is either two weeks of payments or less, the UIA will mail a letter explaining how to apply for the first EUC extension (Tier 1) by telephone or online. There is no application process for the second EUC extension (Tier 2). UIA will automatically issue a determination to

individuals as they exhaust their original EUC extension, and individuals should continue to certify by calling MARVIN.

EUC applications cannot be filed after March 28, 2009. No payments for EUC benefits will be made for any week beginning after August 29, 2009.

### **Receiving your benefits**

Individuals will report to the UIA by telephone to certify for benefit payments, using MARVIN (Michigan's Automated Response Voice Interactive Network), or will continue to report by mail if instructed by the UIA. MARVIN appointment times are based on an individual's Social Security number, according to the chart below. Telephone MARVIN toll-free at **1-866-638-3993**.

Individuals must certify through MARVIN every other week in order to receive unemployment benefits.

## **Schedule of MARVIN Appointments:**

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
8:00 - 9:00	00-01-02-03	34-35-36	67-68-69
9:00 - 10:00	04-05-06	37-38-39	70-71-72
10:00 - 11:00	07-08-09	40-41-42	73-74-75
11:00 - 12:00	10-11-12	43-44-45	76-77-78
12:00 - 1:00	13-14-15	46-47-48	79-80-81
1:00 - 2:00	16-17-18	49-50-51	82-83-84
2:00 - 3:00	19-20-21	52-53-54	85-86-87
3:00 - 4:00	22-23-24	55-56-57	88-89-90
4:00 - 5:00	25-26-27	58-59-60	91-92-93
5:00 - 6:00	28-29-30	61-62-63	94-95-96
6:00 - 7:00	31-32-33	64-65-66	97-98-99

Your appointment day and time is found by using the last two digits of your Social Security Number. For example: If your Social Security Number is: 555-55-5511 The last two digits are 11.

- Look at the schedule above and locate the number 11. Number 11 falls on Monday between numbers 10 and 12.
- Under the column labeled "TIME," the appointment for number 11 is between the hours of 11:00a.m. 12:00 noon. This is the appointed hour in which you must phone-in your claim, or you may ask questions about payment of your claim.

#### For further information

For general information about the EUC program, visit our website (www.michigan.gov/uia). For questions or problems with your EUC claim, call **1-866-500-0017** and select Option 3. This toll-free number is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time. The UIA also has problem resolution offices (PRO) for in-person assistance. Below is a list of PRO locations.

Gaylord - 400 W. Main St., Suite 102

**Grand Rapids - 3391A Plainfield NE** 

Lansing - 5015 S. Cedar St..

**Livonia**, 33523 W. 8 Mile Rd.

Marquette - 2833 U.S. 41 West

Saginaw - 614 Johnson St.

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